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Optimizing Network Resources
Employed in Data Communication

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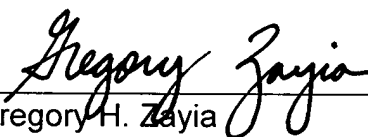
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Respectfully submitted,



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	A1 JP 11-308337	11/05/1999	Japan		English Abstract

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	A2	Yamamoto, M., "A Survey of Active Network Technology", <i>Research Paper of The Institute of Electronics, Information and Communication Engineers (IEICE) B</i> , August 2001, Vol. J84-B, No. 8, pp. 1401-1412. (English Abstract Included)
	A3	Nakahira, Y., "GMPLS Architecture and related issues", <i>Technical Report of The Institute of Electronics, Information and Communication Engineers (IEICE) PS2002-2</i> , April 2002, pp. 7-12. (English Abstract Included)

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